

Women, Infants and Children Program

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INFORMATION MEMO

Memo #: WIC 2011-14-I

Date: August 24, 2011

Subject: MICR Sequence Problem

To: All Local WIC Directors and Local WIC Clinic Staff

From: Chris Furner, Program Manager

We have had incidents in several clinics where staff have issued checks with the MICR sequence improperly printed. Often times it takes many days to realize there is a problem until checks start being rejected by the bank. This causes a hardship for clinic staff and participants because each improperly issued check must be recalled from participants and reprinted. This problem also causes excessive bank fees to be charged to the State WIC Office.

The cause of this issue is that the printer was improperly selected from the list of available printers. Each HP/Troy MICR printer in your clinics has two printer names listed in the computer. In most cases the proper printer to select is the printer name that contains "MICR" within the name. If the proper printer name is selected, this enables the printer to use the correct MICR fonts and characters when printing checks. If there is any question about which printer name to select please contact the Help Desk.

The examples on the following page show an improperly printed MICR line and a correct one. Incorrect MICR sequences are printed in a smaller font with a mix of alpha and numeric characters. Clinic staff must ensure that the MICR sequence looks correct on checks being issued.



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Clinic ID: 32-23251 Name: John Doe

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